

MONTGOMERY COUNTY *ADOPT-A-ROAD*

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

- You or your organization may adopt a County road or a portion of a County road. Roads within municipalities or under the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Highway Administration (MSHA) cannot be adopted through this Program.
- Only one road segment (one mile in length) per individual or group is allowed to be adopted. Exceptions will be considered based on the needs of the program. There are no minimum or maximum time limits on participating in the program.
- Litter should be picked up from your adopted road as needed. **At a minimum, we request you clean your road segment SIX (6) times per year (bimonthly)** with a major clean up in April for the spring. Montgomery County reserves the right to reassign an adopted road should it receive three or more complaints about the road's condition regarding litter or for other reasons at its sole discretion.
- Small amounts of litter (2-3 bags) should be disposed through your normal trash collection. Larger amounts (4 or more bags) or large items that you cannot handle can be hauled away by DPWT's Highway Maintenance Section. Call them at **240-777-6000** **before** your cleanup to schedule an Adopt-A-Road trash pick up. You can also call the **Community Outreach Hotline** at **240-777-7155** to leave a message or email at **dpwt.outreach@montgomerycountymd.gov** requesting a trash pick up.
- Both sides of the road in your segment from intersection to intersection should be cleaned, not just from one Adopt-A-Road sign to another. Sometimes signs cannot be placed exactly at the intersections adopted.
- **Participants should inform the Community Outreach program each time they clean their road segment.** This can be done anytime day or night, through either email at **dpwt.outreach@montgomerycountymd.gov** or phone call to the **Community Outreach Hotline** at **240-777-7155**. Please tell us approximately how many bags of trash you pickup, too. The information will be logged into a database that will help the region monitor its progress in cleaning up the Potomac River Watershed. It can also serve as a reference if complaints arise concerning your road.
- A sign will be installed at each end of adopted road segments that are a minimum of one (1) mile in length. Exemption: signed road segments down to 0.5 MILE are allowed IF the participant's road segment includes a BUS STOP and the participant agrees to clean the segment, including bus stop, a minimum of TWELVE times a year (monthly).
- All signs will be a standard 30"X 20" (with a name plate underneath). We do not require that a sign be posted to participate in the program. Signs are installed on Major Through Routes as stated in the Montgomery County ADC Map Book. Signs can be installed on residential streets, but may have to be removed if we receive complaints from affected residents in the community .
- Should you become unable to continue in the program, please notify the Community Outreach office by phone or email.

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